

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (cancelled).

6. (Original) An implement for clearing brush and trees, comprising:
 - a cutting head frame;
 - a motor mounted to the cutting head frame;
 - a drive shaft operatively coupled to the motor for rotation; said drive shaft constructed to be selectively uncoupled from the motor;
 - a bearing mechanism removably secured to the cutting head frame and supporting the drive shaft for the rotation;
 - a cutting disk mounted on the drive shaft for rotation therewith; and
 - wherein the bearing mechanism can be detached from the cutting head to facilitate replacement of the bearing mechanism and drive shaft.

7. (Original) An implement according to claim 6 wherein the bearing mechanism and drive shaft are constructed to be detached from the cutting head as a unit.

8. (Original) An implement according to claim 6 and further comprising:

a first jaw formed in a portion of the cutting head frame; and
a second jaw pivotally mounted to said cutting head frame for selective pivotal movement relative to said first jaw to allow controlled grasping action between said first jaw and said second jaw.

9. (Original) An implement according to claim 8 and further comprising:

a hydraulic cylinder having a first end pivotally connected to the cutting head frame; and
a piston slidably extending from an opposite second end of the hydraulic cylinder; said piston having a distal end pivotally connected to the second jaw wherein actuation of the hydraulic cylinder drives the piston to provide the pivotal movement of the second jaw relative to the first jaw.

10. (Original) An implement according to claim 6 wherein the bearing mechanism comprises a first portion, and a second portion extending longitudinally from the first portion; said first portion is removably secured to the cutting head frame by a first set of securement members and said second portion is removably secured to the cutting head frame by a second set of securement members; and wherein removing said first and second sets of securement members releases the drive shaft and bearing mechanism from the cutting head frame as a unit.

11. (Original) An implement according to claim 10 wherein said first set of securement members are accessible from outside the cutting head frame; and wherein said second set of securement members are housed within a portion of the cutting head frame and accessible from an opening in the cutting head frame.

Claims 12-18 (cancelled).